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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Tarifur R Chowdhury

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

In page 3, line 14, "15" should be changed to -19--.

Appropriate correction is required.

4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 1 and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 3, "an adhesion member installed at least one part" should be changed to -an adhesion member installed on at least one part--.

In claim 5, line 1, "the adhesion member at all" should be changed to –the adhesion member disposed at all--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 6, 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

8. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the back light" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

9. Claims 9 and 14 recites the limitation "the supporting means" in lines 2 and 3-4 respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation

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under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

12. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Yamamoto, USPAT 6,445,373 or Godfrey et al., USPAT 6,282,825 or Nakao et al., USPAT 6,352,322.

13. The AAPA described in the present application discloses and shows in Fig. 2, a liquid crystal display apparatus, including:

- a liquid crystal panel (11) having a polygonal flat shape; and
- an adhesion member (20) installed around the periphery of the liquid crystal panel.

The AAPA described in the present application also shows in Fig. 1, a mobile terminal, comprising:

- a transmission and reception means positioned at one side of a case;
- an input adjusting means exposed to external portion of the case being adjusted by a user;
- a control means for outputting a driving signal according to an input signal of the input adjusting means at the same time when the signals are inputted and outputted, being connected to the transmission and reception means;
- a liquid crystal driving means operated by the output signal of the control means;

- a liquid crystal panel positioned in the case so that it can be shown from the outside, for displaying letter or image information by the liquid crystal display driving means.

The AAPA differs from the claimed invention because it does not explicitly disclose or show that the adhesion member is not formed at the corner parts of the liquid crystal panel.

However, as evidenced by Yamamoto (Fig. 3, numeral 33 being the adhesion member) or Godfrey et al., (Fig. 7, numeral 256 being adhesion member) or Nakao (Fig. 25 and 30, numerals 98 and 99 being adhesion member) forming adhesion members among edges except corner parts are common and known in the art.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the display apparatus of the AAPA by not forming adhesion member at the corner parts of the panel so that performance is optimized and a proven technique is availed.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 11 would have been obvious.

As to claims 2 and 15, the AAPA described in the present application discloses that the adhesion member (20) is a double-faced adhesive tape.

As to claims 3-5, 12 and 13, it is clear from Fig. 2 of the AAPA that the liquid crystal panel (11) has a square flat shape and further Yamamoto or Godfrey et al., or Nakao show that the adhesion member is installed at all edges except corner parts at the flat portion of the liquid crystal display panel.

As to claims 6 and 7, the AAPA described in the present application also shows in Fig. 2 that the liquid crystal display panel is adhered to a back light sheet (15) through the medium of the adhesion member (20) and that a reflecting plate (13) positioned at one side.

As to claim 8, the AAPA described in the present application also shows in Fig. 2 that the adhesion member (20) adhere the reflecting plate (13) and the back light sheet (15).

As to claims 9, 10 and 14, forming the adhesion members at a position further from than the periphery of the liquid crystal panel is common and known in the art and thus would have been obvious to further provide a strong bonding between the elements as well as optimize performance.

Conclusion

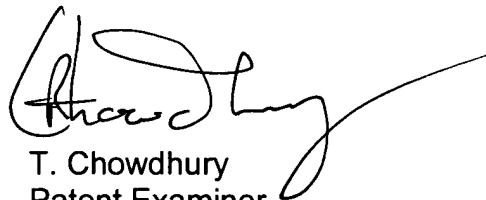
14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R Chowdhury whose telephone number is (703) 308-4115. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William L Sikes can be reached on (703) 305-4842. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7005 for regular communications and (703) 308-7724 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Chowdhury', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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